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SUBJECT: LABOR AGITATION IN PBVC SECTOR; POSTAL STRIKE SETTLED.

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. GRAVE INCONVENIENCES TO PUBLIC FROM POSTAL STRIKE WHICH BEGAN APRIL 16, SHOULD GRADUALLY BE ELIMINATED FOLLOWING MAY 6 GOVERNMENT- LABOR SETTLEMENT. IT PROVIDES FOR MODERNIZING SERVICE, CONSOLIDATING AND RAISING PAY AND ENVISAGES EMPLOYMENT UNSTIPULATED NUMBER NEW WORKERS. UNREST, THREATENED WORK STOPPAGES BY RAILROAD WORKERS, HEALTH SERVICES, MUNICIPAL TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ALSO REQUIRES PROMPT GOVERNMENT ACTION. NEGOTIATING SESSIONS TO CONFRONT SOME OF THESE ISSUES ARE SCHEDULED MAY 9. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER METALMECHANICS AGREEMENT (ROME' S 2634) AND RESOLUTION MANY ACUTE CURRENT ISSUES IN INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, LABOR- MANAGEMENT TENSIONS OR STRIKES HAVE ARISEN IN SECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES, OR QUASI- GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, INCLUDING POSTAL- TELEGRAPH SERVICES, HEALTH SERVICES, RAILROADS, MUNICIPAL TRANSPORT, AS WELL AS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. LABOR REPRESENTATION IN SOME OF THESE SERVICES IS LESS CLEARLY
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DELINEATED THAN IN INDUSTRIAL SECTOR. NUMEROUS AUTONOMOUS UNIONS, SOMETIMES COMPETING, MAKE IT DIFFICULT REACH FIRM UNDERSTANDINGS WITH AGENCIES INVOLVED. WILDCAT STRIKES, INDISCIPLI. UK AUTHORITIES, HE SAID, HAD MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH PROPOSITION THAT SUCH MANEUVERS AND MOVEMENTS SHOULD BE NOTIFIED. IN THIS CONNECTION HE CITED PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD ARISE IN CASE OF MEDITERRANEAN AND NORTH ATLANTIC IF PURE NAVAL MANEUVERS WERE TO BE NOTIFIED. TO MEET THIS PROBLEM, REVISED LANGUAGE FOR PARA 7 (SEE BELOW) CIRCULATED BY UK REP INCLUDES ONLY AIR AND NAVAL COMPONENTS OF LARGE-SCALE COMBINED ARMS MANEUVERS. UNDER UK PROPOSAL, BRACKETED SENTENCES IN THIRD TICK, PARA FOUR, WILL BE DROPPED AND LAST THREE SENTENCES OF PARA SEVEN WILL BE REPLACED BY FOLLOWING:

" SINCE THE LISTS ARE MAINLY DESIGNED FOR NEGOTIATING PURPOSES AND ARE ILLUSTRATIVE IN NATURE, THEY MIGHT CONTAIN THE SORT OF DETAIL REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 10 BELOW. IN PRINCIPLE THEY SHOULD INCLUDE ALL GROUND FORCES MOVEMENTS AND MANEUVERS AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH 9 BELOW. MOREOVER, AS LARGE- SCALE MANEUVERS FREQUENTLY INVOLVE ALL CATEGORIES OF FORCES, AIR AND NAVAL COMPONENTS CANNOT BE IGNORED IN THIS CONTEXT. AIR AND NAVAL MOVEMENTS SHOULD THEREFORE BE INCLUDED IN SO FAR AS THEY FORM PART OF COMBINED OPERATIONS. IT MUST BE RECOGNIZED THAT OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS OF NATIONAL SECURITY MAY IN CERTAIN CASES PRECLUDE THE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF CERTAIN ASPECTS OF PARTICULAR MOVEMENTS AND MANEUVERS."

2. ITALIAN AND NETHERLANDS REPS SAID THEY COULD ACCEPT UK PROPOSAL, WHILE TURKISH REP ARGUED AGAINST IT. TURKISH REP IMPLIED HE COULD GO ALONG IF WORDS " ASPECTS OF PARTICULAR" IN LAST SENTENCE OF UK TEXT WERE DROPPED, BUT UK REP SAID HE COULD NOT ACCEPT THIS CHANGE. US REP RECALLED OUR SUPPORT FOR BRACKETED LANGUAGE IN PARA FOUR AND SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO REFER UK TEXT TO WASHINGTON. UK REP EXPLAINED THAT REFERENCE TO " CERTAIN ASPECTS OF PARTICULAR MOVEMENTS AND MANEUVERS" WAS INCLUDED TO ALLOW FOR EXCLUSION OF INFORMATION ON NUCLEAR SYSTEMS, FOR INSTANCE, FROM NOTIFICATION. NORWEGIAN REP AGREED

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WITH PROPOSAL TO DROP BRACKETED LANGUAGE IN PARA FOUR. RECALLING TRADITIONAL NORWEGIAN CONCERN OVER SOVIET NAVAL MOVEMENTS AND MANEUVERS IN NORTH CAPE AREA, NORWEGIAN REP SAID HE COULD NOT AGREE AT THIS TIME TO THAT PART OF UK TEXT WHICH EXCLUDES PURELY NAVAL MOVEMENTS AND MANEUVERS. FRG REP JOINED US AND TURKISH REPS IN OPPOSITION TO NEW UK TEXT AND SUPPORT FOR BRACKETED LANGUAGE IN PARA FOUR. HE ALSO SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED STATE FOR RECORD THAT WHILE BONN COULD ACCEPT MANNER IN WHICH PAPER DISTINGUISHES BETWEEN

CBM' S AND MBFR CONSTRAINTS, BONN BELIEVED ALLIES SHOULD
CONSIDER THIS QUESTION IN GREATER DETAIL SOON.

3. PER PARA 1(C) REFTEL, US REP SUGGESTED THAT PAPER WOULD BE
MORE USEFUL IF ALL ILLUSTRATIVE LISTS AT ANNEX FOLLOWED
SAME FORMAT. UK REP POINTED OUT THAT REVISED UK
ILLUSTRATIVE LIST (USNATO 2006) PROVIDED TYPE OF INFORMATION
MENTIONED IN PARA TEN OF IS DRAFT AND ASKED WHETHER US WOULD
BE PREPARED REVISE ITS LIST TO ADHERE TO THAT PATTERN. (COMMENT:
THERE WAS SOME SUPPORT IN COMMITTEE FOR UK VIEW THAT ALLIES
MIGHT AS WELL BEGIN NOW TO PREPARE ILLUSTRATIVE LISTS
ALONG LINES PARA TEN. CAN WE AGREE TO REVISE OUR LIST
ACCORDINGLY? END COMMENT.)
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